

Bachelor of Arts. (B.A.) Part-I Examination
COMPULSORY ENGLISH
(Compulsory Language)
(New Course)

Time—Three Hours]

[Full Marks—100

Note :— ALL questions are compulsory.

1. (A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :— 4

(i) There is no point in complaining.

(ii) The situation is favourable to India's victory.

(iii) I will complete the work by 4 o'clock.

(iv) They live at 78, Museum street.

(B) Give one word for any **FOUR** of the following :—

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(i) ~~one~~ who has a strong interest in worldly possessions

(ii) ~~wild~~, uncivilized people

(iii) ~~a person~~ who appoints people to work under him

(iv) ~~a person~~ whose job involves working in a spacecraft

(v) ~~get~~ adjusted to a situation

(vi) ~~a glasshouse~~ to protect delicate plants

(C) Give synonyms for any **TWO** of the following :—

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- ~~(i)~~ conquer
- ~~(ii)~~ decay
- ~~(iii)~~ folly
- ~~(iv)~~ buy

(D) Give antonyms for any **TWO** of the following :—

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- ~~(i)~~ entrance
- ~~(ii)~~ select
- ~~(iii)~~ criticise
- ~~(iv)~~ moral

(E) Rewrite the following sentences as directed :— 8

- ~~(i)~~ Ahmed is taller than Anand.

(Change into Positive degree)

- ~~(ii)~~ No other country in the world is as rich as the USA.

(Change into Superlative degree)

- ~~(iii)~~ She admitted stealing the ring.

(Change into Negative sentence)

- ~~(iv)~~ I will never forget that terrible day.

(Change into Affirmative sentence)

- ~~(v)~~ Is prevention not better than cure ?

(Change into Assertive sentence)

(vi) We can never forget our national heroes.

(Change into Interrogative sentence)

(vii) How lovely the park is !

(Change into Assertive sentence)

(viii) Mahesh is a very good boy.

(Change into Exclamatory sentence)

2. (A) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :— 10

The “standard of living” of any country means the average person's share of the goods and services which the country produces. A country's standard of living depends first and foremost on its capacity to produce wealth. “Wealth” in this sense is not money, for we do not live on money but on things that money can buy : “goods” such as food and clothing, and “services” such as transport and entertainment.

A country's capacity to produce wealth depends upon many factors, most of which have an effect on one another. (Wealth depends to a great extent upon a country's natural resources, such as coal, gold and other minerals, water supply and so on.) Some regions of the world are well supplied with coal and minerals, and have a fertile soil and a favourable climate; other regions possess perhaps only one of these things, and some regions possess none of them. The USA is one of the wealthiest regions of the world because she has

vast natural resources within her borders, her soil is fertile, and her climate is varied. The Sahara Desert, on the other hand, is one of the least wealthy.

Questions :

- (i) What does a country's standard of living depend on ?
- (ii) What are the important natural resources of a country ?
- (iii) How do the different regions of the world vary ?
- (iv) What has made the USA a very wealthy country ?
- (v) In what respect is the Sahara Desert contrasted with the USA ?

(B) Write a paragraph of about **TEN** lines on the basis of the points suggested :—

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An exhibition — a long queue — many people — floodlit — many stalls — starts raining heavily — people run — some fall — rain stops — damage to stalls — visitors and stall owners disappointed.

3. Answer the following questions in about **75** words each :—

- (i) Why does Tukadoji Maharaj say that we cannot build a 'huge palace' on the ruins of other smaller units ?

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OR

How, according to Shaw, does advancement in technology help us to focus on higher things ?

- (ii) What happened at the lunch hour in "The Romance of a Busy Broker" ? 5

OR

Mention Kalpana's favourite passtime which gave 'a sign of the direction' to her dreams.

- x (iii) Describe Hazlitts idea of good conduct. 5

OR

What had the banker done for fifteen years ?

- x (iv) What does Shaw say about making pins ? 5

OR

What did the prisoner write in his letter ?

4. (A) Answer the following questions in about 75 words each :—

- (i) How, according to H.W. Longfellow, should we act ? 5

OR

Write the central ideal of the poem "Mirror".

- (ii) Describe the tragic end of the poem "Lord Ullin's Daughter". 5

OR

What was the last mishap that happened to the poet in "Curious Mishaps" ?

(B) Answer the following question in about 75 words :—

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What are the plans of the teachers and the Principal for the re-examination of Wasserkopf ?

OR

How, ultimately, did the mathematics teacher outwit Wasserkopf ?

(C) Answer the following questions in **ONE** or **TWO** sentences each :—

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(i) What, according to Tukadoji Maharaj, is the first step towards the goal of world peace ?

(ii) Which three trades, according to Shaw, did the old pin-makers have to know ?

(iii) Why did the secretary stay in the outer office for some time ?

(iv) Write about Tagore Bal Niketan.

(v) Which punishment was better in the opinion of the banker ?

5. (A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option given in the brackets :

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(i) The cases of domestic violence are frequent among _____. (employed/unemployed)

(ii) A person between 80 and 89 years of age is an _____. (adult/octogenarian)

(iii) Receiving bad news often results in _____ (positive/negative) emotions.

(iv) You should be _____ (attentive/inattentive) while you are being introduced to others.

(v) Both 'say' and 'tell' are _____ (attitude/non-attitude) verbs.

(B) Match the following situations with the appropriate expressions :— 5

A

B

(i) When someone is going abroad (1) Never mind ! Better luck next time.

(ii) On the death of someone (2) Fine, thank you. And you ?

(iii) Your friend has lost a game (3) Good evening.

(iv) You meet your friend after the sunset (4) I'm sorry. My condolences.

(v) How are you ? (5) Bon Voyage !

(C) Choose the correct option from those given in the brackets :— 5

(i) Mrs. Verma, my daughter is getting married next Monday. We would be delighted if you and Mr. Verma could join us in the celebrations.

(Formal Invitation/Informal Invitation)

(ii) Why don't you drop in tomorrow evening and we'll have a game of chess.

(Formal suggestion/Informal suggestion)

(iii) Thanks Rahul : I'd love to come to your house for lunch.

(Formal Acceptance/Informal Acceptance)

(iv) May I introduce myself ? My name is Shyam Sundar, I work for Infosys.

(Formal Introduction/Informal Introduction)

(v) Would you like me to get some coffee for you ? (Formal offer/Informal offer)

(D) An intercollegiate cultural programme was recently organized by your college. Describe that event.

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OR

Your parents have come to college to meet your teacher. Introduce them formally to him.